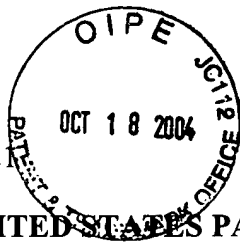


Docket No.: 066655-002



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	: Tononi, Giulio, et al.	Customer No.: 41552
Appl. No.	: 09/733,607	Confirmation No.: 4199
Filed	: December 08, 2000	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL(37 CFR § 1.10)
Title	: VIGILANCE NUCLEIC ACIDS AND RELATED DIAGNOSTIC, SCREENING AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS	"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EV 494141915 US
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Examiner:	: S. Wegert	Sarah Nunez

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 114**

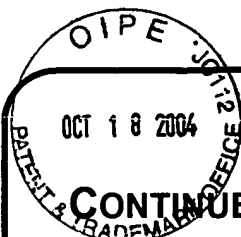
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed August 18, 2004, consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

A **Claim Listing** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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RCE

**REQUEST  
FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)****TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/733,607
Filing Date	December 08, 2000
First Named Inventor	Tononi, Giulio, et al.
Group Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	S. Wegert
Attorney Docket Number	066655-0021

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other (1449 form and 41 references)

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502624.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) \$2,080.00
- iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Astrid R. Spain	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	47,956
Signature		Date	October 18, 2004

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